

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 and 31 remain in this application. Claims 21-30 have been cancelled without prejudice to their subsequent reinstatement. Claims 1, 2, 4, and 11 have been amended. Claim 31 has been added. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

35 U.S.C. §121 Election/Restrictions

The Patent Office has issued a restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1-15, drawn to a compound having an acid labile group attached to a polymer chain by an anhydride linkage, classified in class 528, subclass 270;
- II. Claims 16-21, drawn to a compound having a dissolution inhibitor attached to a polymer chain by an anhydride linkage, classified in class 528; subclass 271;
- III. Claims 22-26, drawn to a composition comprising a polymer having an acid labile group attached to a polymer chain by an anhydride linkage, classified in class 430, subclass 270.1;
- IV. Claims 27-30, drawn to a method of using said composition, classified in class 430, subclass 322.

In response to the restriction, the Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, to prosecute the claims of Group II in this application. Applicant makes this election without prejudice to the right to prosecute the non-elected claims in one or more other patent applications. Claim 1 has been amended to recite “an acid labile dissolution inhibitor group”. Accordingly, Applicants submit that claims 1-15 and 16-21 should be

examined in this application.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims now pending patentably define the subject invention over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request that the claims be allowed at the earliest possible date.

Request For Telephone Interview

The Examiner is invited to call Brent E. Vecchia at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Request For An Extension Of Time

The Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 for such an extension.

Charge Our Deposit Account

Please charge any shortage to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,
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